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BY **JANET BORD** • FOREWORD BY **RICHARD HOLLAND**, EDITOR OF *PARANORMAL MAGAZINE*

FOREWORD

BY

RICHARD HOLLAND

When I was about 16 years old, I picked up a paperback on a second-hand bookstall for 65p. Contained within it was a heady brew of folklore and antiquities – subjects I was becoming increasingly interested in – which sparked with speculative theories regarding earth energies and old religions, enlivened a spicy dash of the paranormal.

I was hooked. That book led me down all sorts of strange, dark and twisty paths, and I never looked back. It led to me writing my own books on folklore and the supernatural and becoming editor of *Paranormal Magazine*.

The book's title was *The Secret Country*. It was the second book by Janet and Colin Bord on the strange and mystical locations of the British Isles. I lost no time in seeking out the first, *Mysterious Britain*.

A couple of years later I started university, by coincidence in Leicester, Janet's home town. On my first or second, rather nervous, day I explored the university bookshop and there discovered another book to tempt me: *Earth Rites*. 'Hey,' I thought, 'it's another book by *them*.' Indeed it was and I have fond memories of taking my copy back to my room, my homesickness forgotten thanks to my immersion into the world of pagan rituals, green men, enigmatic carvings and holy wells.

One of the great strengths of the Bords' books is the extraordinary wealth of photographs and illustrations which illuminate the informative

and engaging text. Colin is a talented professional photographer. Generally speaking, this husband and wife team share the work in the books that bear their name: Janet writes the text, Colin takes the photographs and handles the illustrations (but there is some overlap, of course).

Travelling up and down the length and breadth of the British Isles in their old mini during the 1970s, the Bords began to amass an unrivalled collection of photographs of ancient and mystical sites. They also started to accept images – and video footage – from other photographers and also first-hand witnesses of strange phenomena. Photographs of UFOs, ghosts, poltergeist activity and strange creatures – all the fascinating subjects covered by this book, in fact – found their way to the Bords' home in North Wales. In this way the Fortean Picture Library was born.

Chances are any illustrated book on the supernatural you have ever read contains imagery from the Fortean Picture Library ('Fortean', of course, refers to the philosopher Charles Fort who spent a lifetime amassing thousands of references to inexplicable events and published several seminal books on the unexplained). The vast majority of classic photographs showing paranormal phenomena are owned or licensed by the Fortean Picture Library.

Now you have the 100 best of them in your hands.

They say seeing is believing. Here are 100 of the most startling or intriguing photos you are ever likely to see, and they may well have you believing in the paranormal (if you don't already believe, that is!). They cover the entire range of the unexplained, all the subjects we hope you have enjoyed reading about in *Paranormal Magazine*, from possible spirit manifestations and psychic powers to UFO landings and cryptozoology.

Very recently, after Janet Bord had finished compiling this book, one photo (I'll leave you to find out which) had serious doubt cast upon it. It's possible others may one day also be shown to be less than authentic. But the vast majority have been defying explanation for decades and will have you wondering, too.

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Janet and Colin moved near to my home town some years ago and I have had the privilege on many occasions of visiting the the Fortean Picture Library, marvelling at the racks upon racks of carefully labelled boxes of prints – ‘Loch Ness Monster’, ‘Kirlian Photography’, ‘Psychic Surgery’ and the like. It’s like an Aladdin’s Cave of weirdness.

It must have been a tough job selecting the 100 greatest photos from the thousands of candidates in

their vast collection, but Janet has succeeded admirably.

The 100 Greatest Photographs of the Paranormal from the Fortean Picture Library is a book you will return to again and again. It will endlessly fascinate you. It may not contain the absolute proof of the paranormal, but the pictures contained in this volume are about as close to proof as you can get.

Richard Holland
Editor, *Paranormal Magazine*

Ghosts

Ghosts have a long history: they were reported as far back as the first century AD, when Athenodorus, a hard-up philosopher, rented a house in Athens, which was cheap because of its eerie reputation.

Sitting working late at night, Athenodorus heard the rattling of chains and then, suddenly, the horrifying figure of an old man appeared before him. It beckoned to him and, although Athenodorus tried to ignore it and get on with his work, it refused to let him, rattling its chains so that he couldn't concentrate. So Athenodorus followed the ghost into the garden, where it pointed at a spot on the ground and disappeared.

Next day, a hole was dug at the place indicated by the ghost and a human skeleton with chains still around it was discovered. After the remains were given a proper burial and the house purified, the haunting ceased.

This was clearly a ghost with a purpose, but usually the reason for a haunting is not clear. There have been a few modern cases where ghosts seemed to have a message, such as 'crisis apparitions' of a person, seen by close friends and relatives at the time of his or her death, an event unknown to them until confirmation came later.

However, in many ghost sightings, the apparition seems purposeless and its identity remains unknown. Many of the ghosts which pop up in photographs were not even seen at the time the picture was taken, and such appearances therefore seem to be totally accidental rather than purposeful.

Menacing figure

Unsurprisingly, numerous people claim to have seen or sensed ghostly presences in many of England's ancient churches – the smell of incense, the sound of the organ, voices singing, knights dressed in armour, and so on – but no one has ever claimed to have seen the ghost of Newby church in North Yorkshire which revealed itself on a photograph taken by the then-vicar, Reverend K. F. Lord.

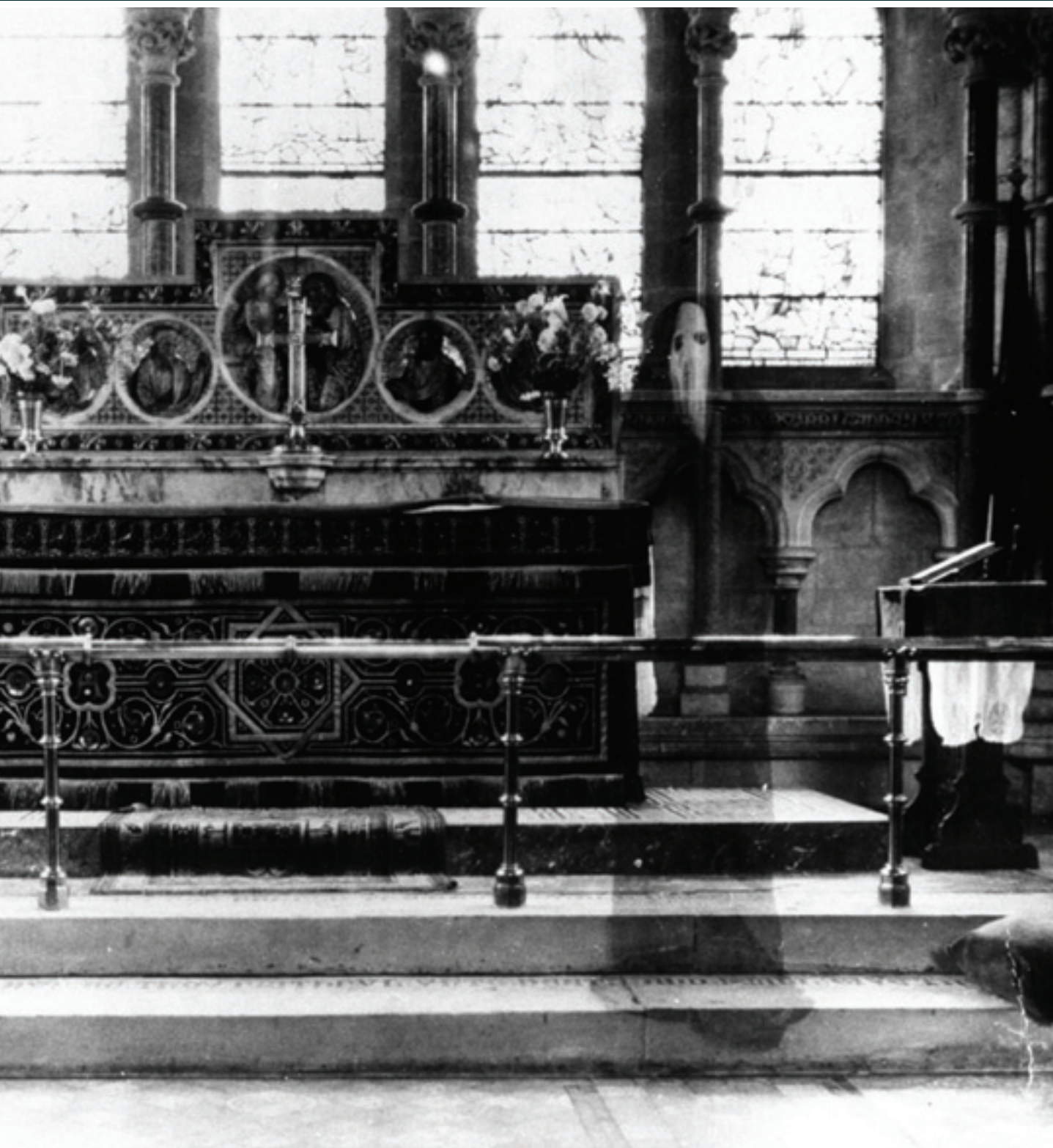
The Rev Lord was a keen amateur photographer and one summer afternoon some time in the early 1960s he decided to photograph the interior of his church. There was no one else there with him except one friend, and neither of them saw anything untoward in the church.

Some time later, when he made some prints from the negatives, the Reverend Lord discovered the ghost on one of them. Standing beside the altar is a tall (possibly 9 feet) menacing figure, wrapped in a long, dark cloak, with its face apparently covered by a white cloth with eye-holes.

The church only dates from the late 19th century and was not known to be haunted. I maintained a long correspondence with the Rev Lord from around 1971 until his death in 2000 aged 86, and he remained firm in his belief that the photograph was genuinely mysterious.

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Sightings

Taken from the pages of Paranormal Magazine

GROWLING: A strange, eerie growl has been heard by several witnesses in a ruined church along Cold Christmas Lane, Thundridge, Herts. The building attracts 'devil worshippers' at Halloween, and has long rumoured to be haunted. A recording of the growl has been made. But locals Bernard and Marion Hill, who have been in the area for the last 30 years and walk their dogs through the ruins twice a day, say they have never seen, heard or experienced anything out of the ordinary.

(SOURCE - EAST HERTS HERALD).

HIGHWAYMAN: Helen Coughlan says she has encountered the ghost of highwayman Bill Saunders on several occasions in Epping Forest and that he has told her he was hanged for a crime he did not commit. Apparently, Saunders, part of Dick Turpin's gang, refuses to pass over completely to the other side until his name is cleared in a gang murder. Mrs Coughlan said: 'There was a stench of rotting flesh whenever he was close. While highwaymen were buried in consecrated ground, murderers were hung and their corpses allowed to decompose until they were nothing but bone. He spoke to me and said that he had been staying around the place as he didn't want to cross over as a murderer, as he was innocent of the crime. We performed an exorcism which involves the last rites, so now his soul has been commended to God and he seems feels a lot freer now.'

Rev Spencer Hayward performed the exorcism with his wife Janet.

(SOURCE - THE GUARDIAN).

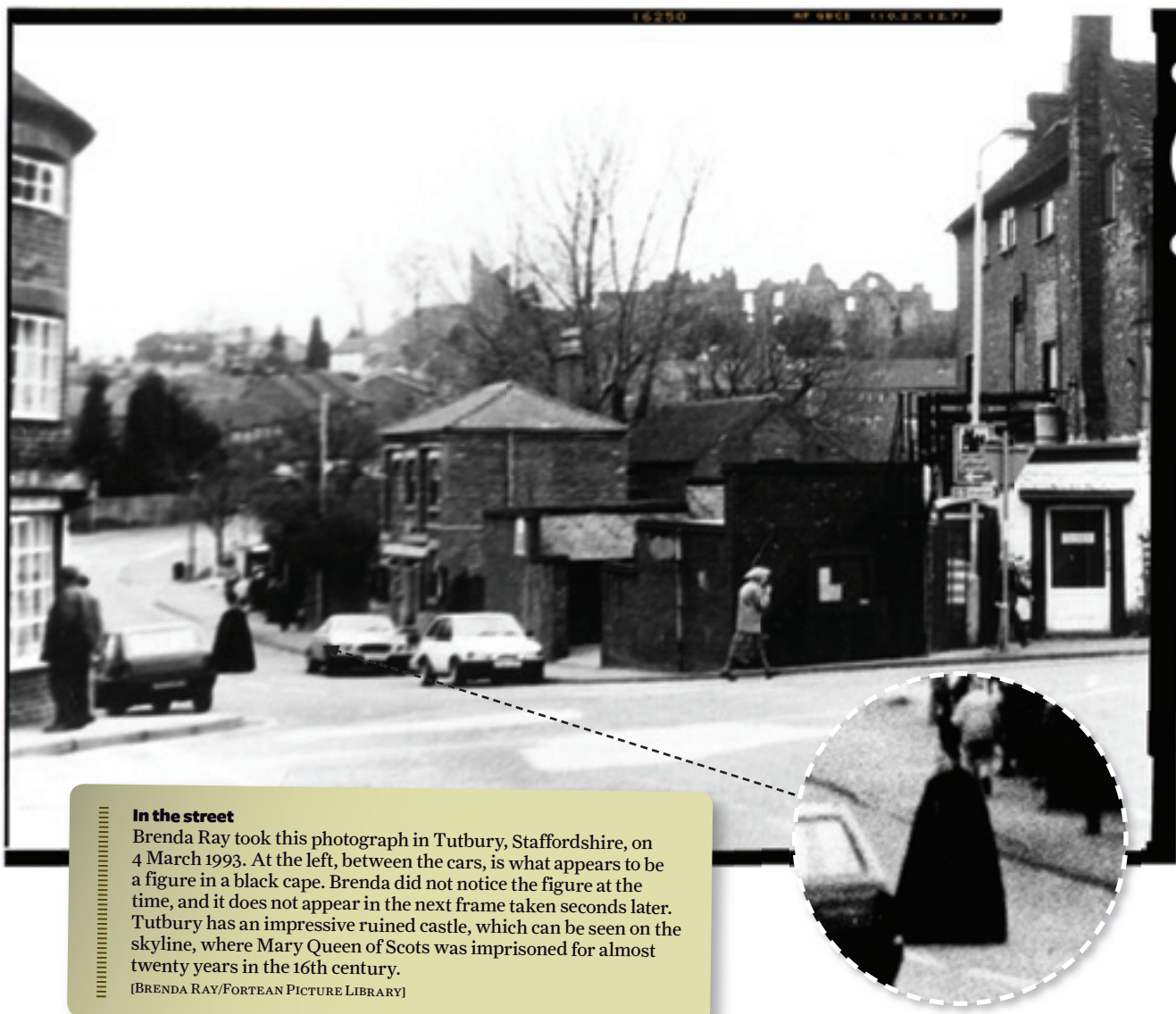
19th CENTURY GHOSTS: In January, English couple Tony and Doreen Galbraith were holidaying in CO Fermanagh, Ireland, when they had an unusual experience. Mr Galbraith reports: 'My wife and I decided to take a walk. We went to an area known as Cleenish Island, a very rural setting with many deserted dwellings near the village of Belnaleck. We drove our car across the bridge onto the island and drove about a mile further down the twisty narrow road, where we decided to stop and take a walk to where we were told there was an old graveyard. The area was so quiet and peaceful it made for a lovely walk, even though it was cold and getting dark. The closer



In the Outback

Little is known about the circumstances in which this photograph was taken, other than that the photographer was a clergyman by the name of the Reverend R. S. Blance. It was taken in 1959 at Corroboree Rock, Alice Springs, in Australia's Northern Territory. This place was once of great significance to the Aborigines as a cult site and initiation rites may have been performed here. It is now a 'conservation reserve' visited by tourists and hikers.

Not much detail of the ghostly figure can be made out, but what you can see doesn't look much like a Native Australian, so perhaps the ghost is of an early 20th century tourist who strayed off the track and was never seen again (except as a ghost).



In the street

Brenda Ray took this photograph in Tutbury, Staffordshire, on 4 March 1993. At the left, between the cars, is what appears to be a figure in a black cape. Brenda did not notice the figure at the time, and it does not appear in the next frame taken seconds later. Tutbury has an impressive ruined castle, which can be seen on the skyline, where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned for almost twenty years in the 16th century.

[BRENDA RAY/FORTEAN PICTURE LIBRARY]

we walked to the graveyard, the more old empty houses we passed, the more myself and my wife began to become spooked. It felt like we were not alone. As we passed the house, my wife claims someone walked past the window. Although she only caught a glimpse, she says that she saw a man wearing clothes like from the 19th century period. I walked into the house but could not see anyone.' On their return they had another odd encounter, as Mr Galbraith explains: 'We approached the old graveyard and both saw a lady standing

amongst the gravestones ruins. As we approached closer, we noticed she too was wearing what looked to be clothes from the later 19th Century. She smiled at us and I said, "Are you alright?" As I said, this she walked in amongst the trees and disappeared. (SOURCE - FERMANAGH HERALD).

IRISH WHITE LADY: As reported in last month's issue, the curious have been flocking to the Mullaghmoyle Road near Coalislan in Northern Ireland for a glimpse of the 'white lady'. For the last four weeks cars have

been lined up nose-to-nose, people arriving armed with cameras and camcorders in the hope of catching a photographic image of the ghost with the sad face. Raymond Bell, who owns a pub nearby in Brackaville, said his 17-year-old son Ryan had not believed in ghosts until he saw the 'woman' several times. 'My son says he has seen the shadowy figure on numerous occasions and others have seen it, too – it is the face of an elderly lady wearing a long white dress with a long white cape,' he said. People are still coming in their droves to see her.

They come when it gets dark at about 4.30pm and they stay until after 1am. It is only about 400 yards away and I have tried to get down there but there are just too many cars. It is all that anyone is talking about.' (SOURCE - THE TELEGRAPH).

HAUNTED HIGHWAY: 'It's a stretch of road, up north in Maine that's never ever, ever seen a smile...' so goes the 1965 song A Tombstone Every Mile by Dick Curless. Route 2, which locals refer to as Haynesville Woods, in Ohio, has long had a sinister reputation



Experiences

Readers' letters taken from the pages of *Paranormal Magazine*

Glastonbury Ghoully

I have just finished reading the 'Unidentified Floating Organisms' article in Issue 33 of *Paranormal Magazine*. I was very interested indeed in the words that appeared in the write-up regarding the 1913 short story by Arthur Conan Doyle entitled 'The Horror of the Heights', the reason being that on the 6 March 2007 at 22.56 I took this photograph with my Finepix 4.1 mega Pixel camera which I had pointed up into the sky not far from Glastonbury Town Hall, Somerset.

I had previously taken some other shots and on these the flash went off – but for this one, my 'Glastonbury Ghoully' as I call the picture, the flash did not.

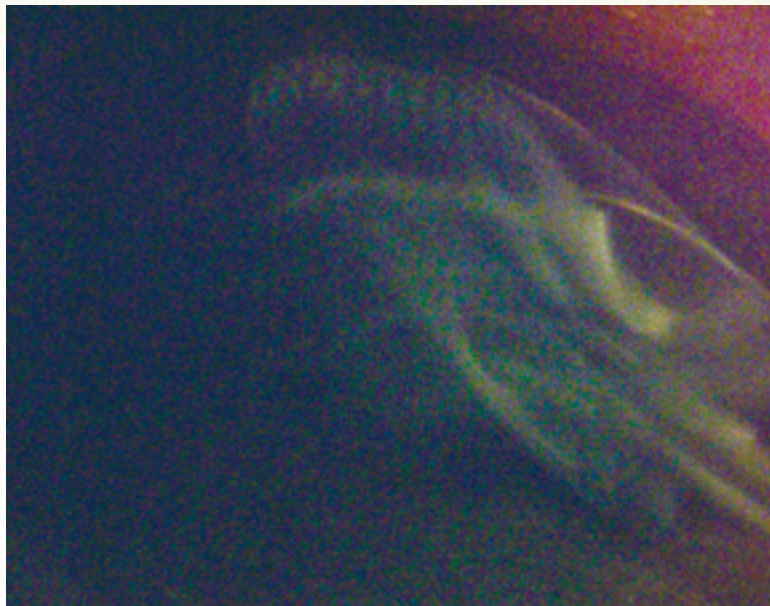
The picture has been shown to many people, none of whom seem to have any real suggestions as to what it was. My thoughts are that although the picture is not very clear, it appears to me to look like a very large jellyfish with tentacles hanging downward – just as described in the article. It also looks as though it has teeth.

Joan Saunders, Somerset

The Sky Slug

Your article by Dr Shuker last issue about 'Unidentified Floating Organisms' reminded me of a strange experience I had in my teens. I am at a loss to explain it.

I was on top of a double-decker which at the time was travelling along Hall Road, Hull. It was sometime during the late 70's, on a bright summer evening, but the



exact date now escapes me. I saw a funny bright 'egg' in the sky, over the fields out towards the Dunswell area; or rather it was pear shaped. I cannot judge the size or the speed, but it seemed to be very large as it ambled across the sky. The colour was a blend of pale red and orange.

The strangest thing of all is that it would continually change its shape. It was like a large floating light bulb: it certainly was not a cloud, nor did it seem to be a solid structure. It put me in mind

more of some gigantic life form, like a kind of giant slug that lived in the sky, rather than a more 'conventional' type of UFO.

Funnily enough, after watching it for a few minutes I lost interest and turned my mind to other matters. The next day the *Hull Daily Mail* ran an article on the 'object'. A number of people had seen it around the same time; some rang the police while others informed the local radio and papers. One particular chap

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saw it at close quarters. He lived somewhere on the outskirts of Hull and had been working in the garage when he turned round to be confronted by this thing in the sky, which I have dubbed the 'Sky Slug'. It is a pity that I never kept the newspaper clippings.

Several years later I happened to be talking to a colleague at work when we began chatting about UFO's, and it turned out he also saw this object and happened to be on the top deck of a bus on Noddle Hill Way at the time. He also describes it as being an orangey-red colour and with the same ability to change shape. But he adds that all at once it accelerated to an incredible speed and disappeared from his view in seconds.

Mark Fraser, Kilmarnock

Our invisible lodger

Since we first moved in our home, I have felt a presence there. I have felt a gentle hand placed on my back as though to move me out of the way, which has made me step to one side to let them past. I had been shocked at this at first, as I would turn thinking it was my hubby to find nothing there. I also see a shape on the stairs and look – to see nothing.

My husband and I had an argument, something really silly, and he couldn't sleep. He went downstairs and was sitting at the table having a cup of tea when he felt a swipe at his face, a kind of wafting wind past it, as though something went quickly past his face. He thought he had imagined it but it happened again a minute or so later.

On another occasion we were both lying in bed just nodding off when he jumped up in alarm, and said a hand had moved over his tummy and then come to rest on

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him. I was half asleep and told him he was dreaming but as we settled back down, I felt someone sit on the end of my side of the bed – I even moved my feet away so they could sit down. Realising what I was doing, I quickly sat up – to see nobody there once again. I don't know if it's related but a few nights before the bed incident, I apparently had a fight with 'nobody' while in my sleep and had to be restrained by my husband. I don't recall any of it.

Kim, Whitby

Ghost light encounters

I have been a paranormal researcher and field investigator (primarily of UFOs and Bigfoot) in Northern California since 1968. Back in the early 1990s, when I was considerably more public and active (I have since trimmed back on my activities), I had some personal experiences of ghost lights/orbs that might add to your knowledge base.

I have had several occasions when these little critters have been observed sometimes very close with the naked eye. Once, a group of six was observing the night lights and during the night we observed small faint red lights flickering around on the hillside below us. These moved quite rapidly and only occasionally 'flared' to the point that they were visible. They appeared to be interested in us and were moving quite rapidly up the side of the hill to our position on a road.

Several of us had them come up around the ground level quite near and once I turned just in time to see one 'bloom' (becoming rapidly brighter and becoming white like a quick but faint flash bulb). This phenomenon was repeated on several subsequent night watches, and they always appeared the same. We found that one thing affected our ability to observe them and that was the degree of moonlight. If it was too light, we could not see them. This is why we surmised that they were in the infrared range. Subsequent events would bear this out.

On several occasions we had reports of locals seeing translucent orbs. Once I spoke to a man and his teenage son who had seen 1-meter in diameter translucent orbs 'floating' along a riverbed. Once, while on a night stand just behind Beale Air Force Base (the home of the Blackbird here in Northern California), my close associate and I had two translucent orbs 'float up' to within about 20 feet from us. These were very similar to the ones observed by researchers in the Pine Bush area of New York state, including the late Ellen Crystall (who successfully photographed them). It should be noted that recent research has found a very strong magnetic area very close by. I feel that this is a clue.

It should be noted that none of these occurrences involved the use of cameras, either old style or digital. In the early 1990s I



Poltergeists have always been with us. There are recorded cases as far back as AD 530, and from all parts of the world. The sheer quantity of cases on record, and the time-span, indicate that this is a genuinely mysterious phenomenon – one that remains inexplicable despite much investigation.

The German word Poltergeist means literally 'noisy spirit', and that describes its behaviour very well. Among its manifestations are banging noises, things being thrown around, furniture being piled up, and also more destructive behaviour such as attacking people and lighting fires. It can express itself in other quieter ways, such as hiding things or writing messages. The poltergeist is seen as a mischievous spirit because that is what the behaviour suggests: a disembodied spirit that enjoys upsetting people. Just as there is no real evidence that ghosts are the spirits of the dead, so too it cannot be proved that poltergeists are discarnate entities. It is clear that many poltergeist activities do not follow the rules laid down by science. Objects move without being touched, sometimes they move slowly through the air, and solid objects have apparently passed through other solid objects. Spontaneous fires occur, water appears from nowhere, and so on. It is possible that these paranormal events are triggered by powers and energies we have not yet recognised, but which everyone has the potential to use.

Poltergeists



**The Runcorn poltergeist**

The Glynn family living in Runcorn (Cheshire) suffered a poltergeist outbreak in 1952. Their invisible intruder was fond of moving furniture about, and even when the police set traps and kept watch, the disturbances continued. Here John Glynn surveys his wrecked bedroom.

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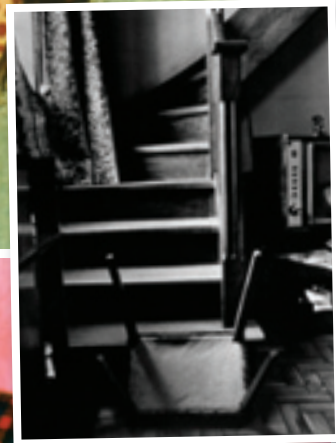
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SECRET ROOM: The Farla family from Telford in Shropshire discovered a secret basement in their Victorian home after checking out a three metre metal grid which had always puzzled them. Behind the grate they found a hole just big enough to crawl through which led to a large room underneath the house. On the floor was a large wooden cross and stairs that led back to the back of a cupboard in their house. The family now believe they have released a "ghost" as strange events now occur, including floating orbs which they have captured on camera. (SOURCE - DAILY MAIL 11TH APRIL).

ORBS: Paul Cliff, pubman of the New Inn along Midland Road in Rotherham, could not, apparently, believe his eyes when he checked his CCTV footage and saw "a mysterious orb of light" float across the bar. He said: "I've never seen anything like it. I just can't explain it. The whole episode is just extraordinary. We've been here for 12 years and this is the first time we have experienced anything like this." (SOURCE - ROTHERHAM ADVERTISER 25TH APRIL).

HINKY PUNK: Construction workers on a 15th century church in Anglesey which is currently undergoing renovation have reported seeing unidentified "balls of light" on several occasions, which they described as "a wispy ball of light that moves around slowly and seen to grow smaller and dissipate." Steve Mera from the UPIA group visited the scene and discovered the church was surrounded by marshland, he reports: "A closer inspection of the area revealed rotting plants baking in the afternoon sun and a slight scent of methane. It would be no surprise to me if under such conditions that marshgasses could manifest themselves as Ignis Fatuus which is Latin for Foolish Fire, and also known as will-o-wisp, jack-o-lantern, friar's lantern and hinky punk. (SOURCE - PHENOMENA MAGAZINE UPIA & MAPIT MAY).

CLEOPATRA HILL: The Jerome Hotel on Cleopatra Hill in Los Angeles has several spectres that keep the guests awake on a night. Staff and visitors alike have reported being kept awake by the spirits, who are said to be a caretaker who hanged himself in



Poltergeists in Brazil

During the early 1970s, paranormal investigator Guy Lyon Playfair was living in Brazil, where he investigated numerous poltergeist outbreaks around the city of São Paulo. At Suzano in 1970, spontaneous fires were breaking out, and one witness told Guy she saw a calendar on the wall go up in flames. She even burned herself when she checked if the fire was real! The photograph shows a blanket that was burned.

Furniture was damaged by an invisible slasher at Guarulhos in 1973 (see photograph); and also in 1973, when he was sleeping in a house haunted by a poltergeist at Ipiranga, Guy photographed a stool which fell downstairs into his room. It had been stored on top of a wardrobe in the room above, and had apparently come through a closed door. There was no one in the room: less than a minute later, a drawer of clothes was thrown from the window.

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The Rosenheim poltergeist

For a few months beginning in November 1967, inexplicable events took place in a solicitor's office in Rosenheim in Bavaria, Germany. Light bulbs exploded, neon lights would go out and were found to have been unscrewed, fuses blew, bangs were heard, and the telephones went haywire with large bills being received. Technical investigations of the power supply and telephone failed to solve the mystery.

Professor of Parapsychology Dr Hans Bender was called in, and he noted that the phenomena happened when a new girl, Anne-Marie Schneider, was present. As she walked down the corridor, electric lights hanging from the ceiling would begin to swing, an event which was captured on video (see photograph); and glass from exploding bulbs flew towards her. In her presence paintings on the walls would swing, filing cabinets would move and their drawers would shoot out – but all activity ceased when she was away from the office.

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the boiler room, a handicapped man who wheeled himself off the balcony, and an executive who shot himself in Room 32. The nosiest ghost is said to be Harvey the caretaker, who was killed in a lift accident in 1935 when it came down on his head. Desk clerk Debra Altherr said: "He plays with the lights too." Other manifestations include noises akin to "moans and groans" and a lady in white. (SOURCE - LOS ANGELES TIMES 12TH APRIL).

HAUNTED LIBRARY: Pam Ziobran was working late at the Deep River

Public Library in Connecticut, recently, when she sensed she was not alone. She said: "It was just a feeling. It was just so light and airy, like a female coming down the stairs. It was very, very real." Susan Oehl was the only person in the area when she heard a sound coming from the next room, and reports: "I heard distinctly a woman clearing her throat, but when I checked there was nobody there." The ghost is said to be a man, but no more details of him are known. (SOURCE - CONNECTICUT COURANT 20TH APRIL).

COLD SPOTS: The Oakdale Leader newspaper claims that its premises in Oakdale, California, is haunted. In April the Western Region Paranormal Research (WRPR) group conducted an investigation on the premises. Editor Marg Jackson reports: "One evening, working late, I had my daughter at the office with me and saw her go past my door, out of the corner of my eye. I went back to check on her, because I assumed she went to the break room but when I got there, the lights were out and she wasn't there. In fact, she was still seated at the

desk up front when I went there. So she wasn't who I saw go past my door. And no one else was in the building." (SOURCE - OAKDALE LEADER 21ST APR).

COWBOY: Brent Aspinall who owns the Emerado bar in Gilby, North Dakota, believes a ghost called Cowboy tugged his shirt while he was working behind the bar, and the incident has even been captured on CCTV, although the ghost was not seen. On another occasion customer, Penny Sorteberg, reports: "I saw a figure by the dart board. It was quick



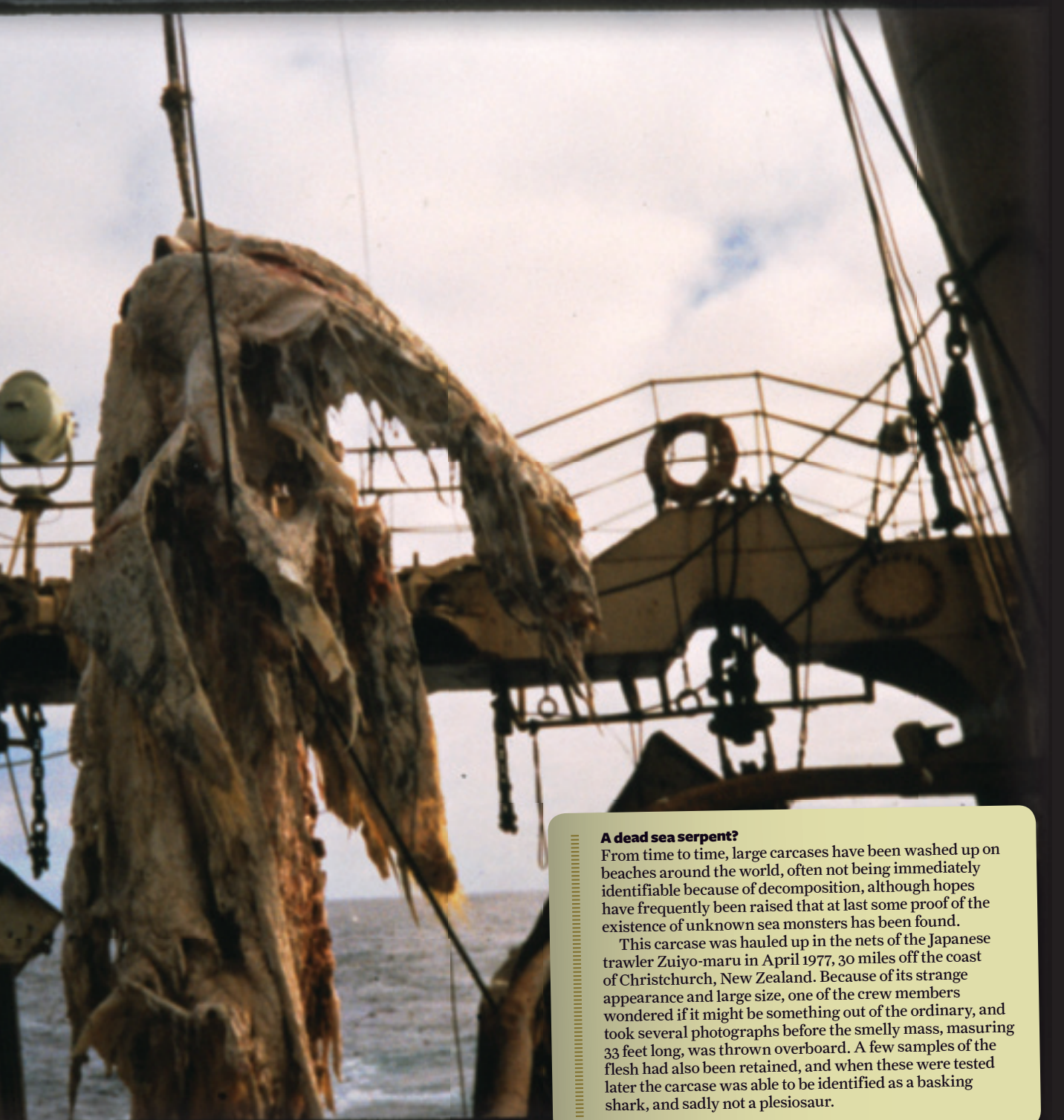
The existence of some reported real-life monsters is disputed because they are rarely seen – though of course the fact that they are able to live successfully out of sight of humankind is probably what keeps them alive. If their presence were accepted, their habitat would be invaded by people eager to capture a living specimen, with inevitable destruction of both the habitat and the creature.

Despite Man's best efforts to wreck the planet, there are still numerous little-visited areas where all manner of creatures are probably living unobserved. Jungles and deserts still keep their secrets, we still do not know everything that lives in the ocean depths, and many lakes also have persistent rumours of mystery residents. There are also claims of unidentified flying creatures having been seen, maybe even relics from the age of the dinosaurs.

Although we talk of 'monsters', meaning creatures both large in size and ugly in appearance, these are by virtue of their bulk and need for vast quantities of food less able to remain concealed. But they do so – though the sceptics would say that is because they don't exist! – and therefore how much easier it must be for unknown fishes, insects, small mammals, to remain unseen. Sadly very few of the possible monsters can be included here, because photographs of them just don't exist.

Monsters





A dead sea serpent?

From time to time, large carcasses have been washed up on beaches around the world, often not being immediately identifiable because of decomposition, although hopes have frequently been raised that at last some proof of the existence of unknown sea monsters has been found.

This carcass was hauled up in the nets of the Japanese trawler Zuiyo-maru in April 1977, 30 miles off the coast of Christchurch, New Zealand. Because of its strange appearance and large size, one of the crew members wondered if it might be something out of the ordinary, and took several photographs before the smelly mass, measuring 33 feet long, was thrown overboard. A few samples of the flesh had also been retained, and when these were tested later the carcass was able to be identified as a basking shark, and sadly not a plesiosaur.

Sightings

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FLYING HUMANOID: What are said by some to be flying witches have surfaced again over the skies of Mexico, and have even been caught on video tape. One such video was taken by Daniel Sanchez Rosales, a resident of Mexico City, and he describes it as having humanoid features. It is said that they 'seem to infest the skies over an old cemetery'. The video was taken in February near the Mexico City International Airport, at 6.50 am in the Moctezuma district. The witness said the humanoid was facing them and seemed to be surveying its surroundings. Flying witches or the Williams X-JET? (SOURCE - PHANTOMS & MONSTERS: 29TH JULY 2009).

BIGFOOT: On July the 10th, a motorist had a near collision with a Bigfoot outside of Uniontown, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The witness was driving at around 35mph at 6pm when a figure ran out the side of the road on her left. She swerved to the right and missed the figure which she got a good look at, realising then that it was not a person. She describes the creature, which ran away, as 'a dark-coloured, hair-covered man-like creature, at least 6ft tall. It walked on two legs, had a big elongated head, with wild-looking hair'. The witness adds: 'The neck looked strange because the head was big and the shoulders were wide. The face was mainly covered in hair, yet the area that was exposed appeared to be very white. There was hair coming out from all over the face, like that of a dog or a wolf. The nose was flat and dark, but was also mostly covered in hair. The mouth could not clearly be seen. The ears were not seen since they were covered with hair as well. The eyes were dark, possibly black in colour, wide set, and 'wild looking'. There were 'no irises, no whites'. Meanwhile in the Sierra National Forest, Nevada, an image was caught on trail cam which many believe to be a Bigfoot. Researcher Jeffrey Gonzalez said: 'You can see features of a human face such as the nose, mouth and chin. According to the leaves and the branches that were covering the object's face, the tape measure said it was between 8 and 9 feet tall! What is described as 'a monstrous hand print', about ten inches in length, was



Surgeon's Nessie

Loch Ness has gained a reputation for its giant resident who goes by the name of Nessie, believed by some people to be a surviving prehistoric creature, a wplesiosaur. Many photographs of something strange in the water have been taken, but analysis often proves that the 'something strange' is in fact a bird, or a wave, or a piece of wood – or a straightforward hoax. Conclusive proof in the form of a carcass is required, yet even extensive underwater exploration using mini-sub and sonar has not yet resulted in even a flipper. So the jury must remain out as to whether Nessie really exists, or is no more than a myth fuelled by publicity and gullibility.

This must be the most famous photograph of the Loch Ness Monster, allegedly taken in April 1934 by R. K. Wilson, a London surgeon. The full-size photograph shows a lot more of the lake, with the monster appearing quite small. There is now a big question-mark over this photograph, since Christian Spurling announced in the 1990s that the monster was in fact a toy submarine with a sculpted head attached.

Marmaduke Wetherell, a big-game hunter and Spurling's father-in-law, is said to have created the hoax in revenge for having been ridiculed by the Daily Mail, the newspaper that employed him. However, not everyone accepts this solution to the mystery, and Nessie is not dead and buried just yet.



Doc's Nessie

On 21 May 1977, Tony 'Doc' Shiels – artist, magician, and wizard – stood alone on the ruins of Urquhart Castle overlooking Loch Ness and tried to use his psychic powers to conjure up Nessie from the depths. He claims to have been successful, and offered two photographs in proof. They show the '4 or 5 ft long' stretch of neck that emerged from the water less than 100 yards away, though he only had time to take two shots before it submerged again. One of the original 35mm transparencies survives, but the other was accidentally destroyed, and only a black and white print survives.

As an artist, Doc was able to memorise all aspects of his brief sighting, and noted that, 'The colour of the animal was greenish brown, with a paler underside. Skin texture, smooth and glossy. The animal was visible for no more than 4 or 5 seconds. It held itself very upright, very still, except for a turning of the head and a straightening of the neck before it sank, very smoothly, below the surface. It had powerful neck muscles.'

Although, as an artist and magician, Doc has acquired a reputation over the years for surreal escapades, that does not mean that he did not see and photograph Nessie as he claimed.

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found on the back of a car in N Carolina. There were no prints around the car. The witness also notes the dog was barking excessively during the night and acting strangely. (SOURCE - STAN GORDON WWW.PABIGFOOTSOCIETY.COM EXAMINER.COM JULY 2009).

PHANTASMAGORIA: In Pennsylvania 'giant caterpillars' about seven inches long were spotted crossing the road. The witnesses saw about seven of them at different intervals along the road. Ten tourists on Chinas Kanas Lake, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, saw a one-meter high water monster which left a ten-meter wake. A humanoid was spotted in Maine, USA, with 'skin like a salamander'. In the Ongamira Valley in Argentina, a photograph of two white figures outside a cave has been taken, said to be male and female. In Namibia locals in the Onhelewa and Oidiva villages are suffering livestock depredations by an unknown predator that locals are convinced has something to do with witchcraft. The footprints of the animal 'are bigger than a dog' and just vanished as if the creature disappeared into the air. (SOURCE - PARANORMALNEWS.COM, BIGFOOTSIGHTINGS.COM, PHANTOMS & MONSTERS, WWW.NEWERA.COM)

RETURN OF THE WOLVES: A wolf seen in Polkemmet Country Park, near Whitburn, Scotland, is now believed by local wardens to have been a husky. Keith McDowell reported seeing a wolf in the park in early August. He described it as being silver in colour with a bushy tail with a black streak along its back. Police launched an investigation and warned local farmers to be on the alert. Local dog warden Pauline Sinclair said: 'I think it's more likely this animal was a husky. People often use this area to let them run.' However, it is interesting to note that no one has come forward saying they own or have lost a husky fitting the above description. Meanwhile in Dorset, Latvian workers spotted a wolf in the county and thought no more of it at the time – because they're used to seeing them in their own country. Finally word got to big cats researcher Merrily Harpur, who interviewed them. (SOURCE - EDINBURGH EVENING NEWS, MERRILY HARPUR HTTP://WWW.DORSETBIGCATS.ORG - AUGUST 2009).

NESSIE GOOGLED: A security officer believes he found the image of Nessie on Google Earth. Jason Cooke told the Sun News that the



Over the past sixty years, there have been many thousands of reports of strange flying objects seen around the world. At first they were called 'flying saucers', then 'unidentified flying objects' or UFOs.

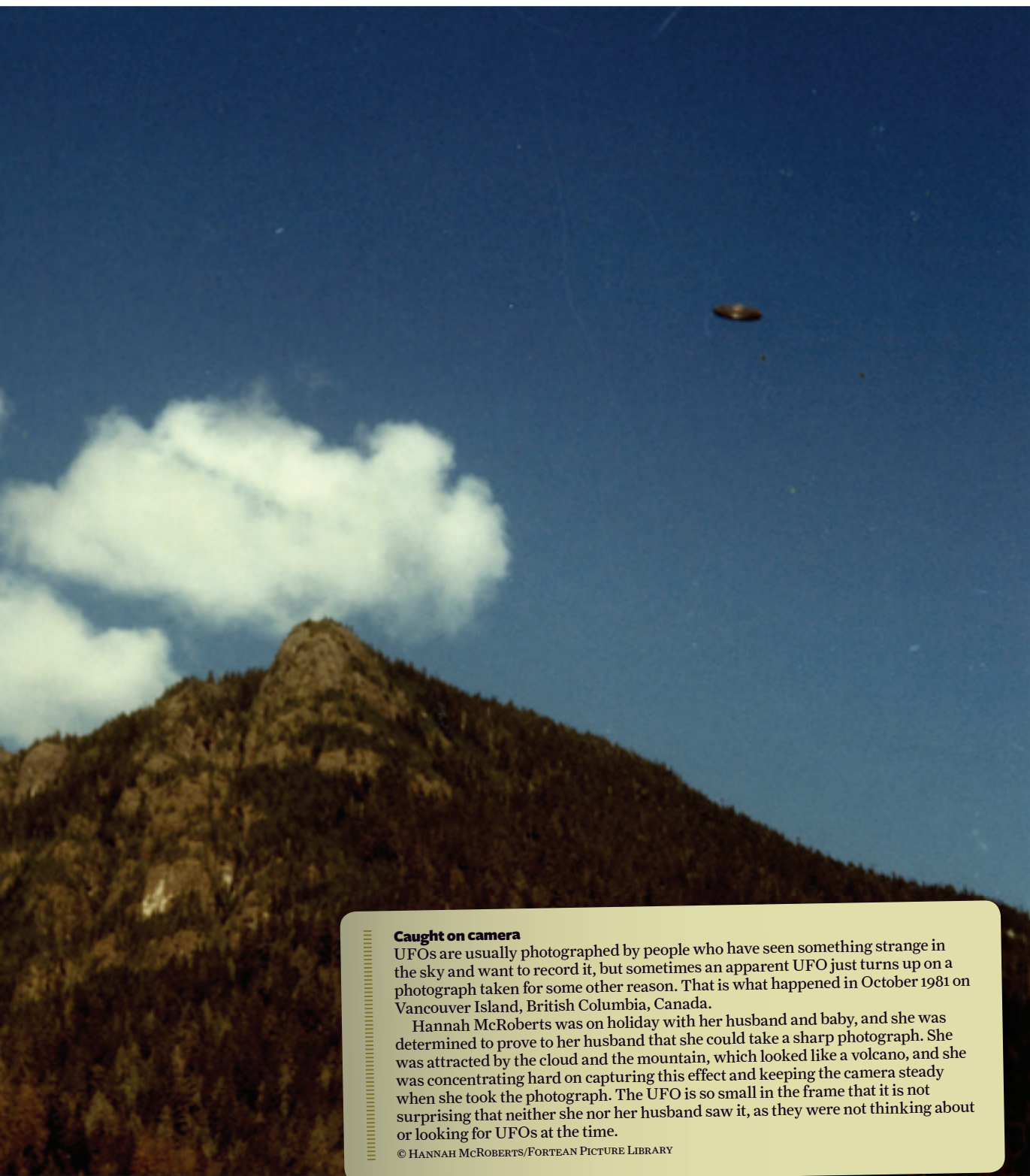
Despite the wealth of sighting reports, and claims of craft with aliens aboard crashing in the desert, it is virtually certain that hard evidence of the existence of extraterrestrial craft has not been obtained. There are plenty of photographs purporting to show UFOs, but their reliability is questionable – and indeed the more detailed the craft appears in the photograph, the more likely it is to be hoaxed!

At the one extreme are the sceptics who assert that all UFO reports are either hoaxes or misidentifications of normal astronomical events or terrestrial objects. At the other extreme are the believers who tell us that UFOs are craft from other worlds outside our solar system, or from other dimensions or parallel universes.

One thing is certain: the UFO craze has spawned an amazingly rich literature full of case-histories detailing close encounters, abductions by aliens, and even trips into space with the occupants of extraterrestrial craft. Either there are a lot of liars in this world, or many deluded or deranged individuals – or maybe even some who are speaking the truth about their otherworldly encounters...

UFOs & Aliens



**Caught on camera**

UFOs are usually photographed by people who have seen something strange in the sky and want to record it, but sometimes an apparent UFO just turns up on a photograph taken for some other reason. That is what happened in October 1981 on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.

Hannah McRoberts was on holiday with her husband and baby, and she was determined to prove to her husband that she could take a sharp photograph. She was attracted by the cloud and the mountain, which looked like a volcano, and she was concentrating hard on capturing this effect and keeping the camera steady when she took the photograph. The UFO is so small in the frame that it is not surprising that neither she nor her husband saw it, as they were not thinking about or looking for UFOs at the time.

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Sightings

a metallic object. It moved slowly across the sky, but the arms of it rotated and moved without sync. It looked like octopus arms, individually moving in different directions. The object continued to move across the sky until it was no longer visible. This object was extremely far up in the sky. I believe I saw a UFO.' (SOURCE - PHOTOS AT [HTTP://WWW.COASTTOCOASTAM.COM](http://WWW.COASTTOCOASTAM.COM)).

UP FROM THE DEPTHS: Eight witnesses travelling in two cars spotted a UFO leaving a lake in Jemba, East Java, Indonesia. The leading car came to 'a screeching halt' as two lights, one red and one white, rose up from the lake. Suddenly, two beams of light shot up into the air from the objects and they began to change their formation. This lasted for about 10 minutes before the objects shot upwards into the sky and vanished. (SOURCE - [HTTP://LEVELBEYOND.COM](http://LEVELBEYOND.COM)).

TWO TOPS: A UFO was filmed in China by an entire squadron of fire-fighters in Pan Shui City, Guizhou. One fireman said: 'We noticed an odd looking, brightly flashing star moving in a south-easterly direction and went inside the fire-fighters' barracks to get a camera.' It seemed to be two rotating top-shaped craft, 'or halves of a whole craft joined at their bases'. The slow-moving object(s) flashed purple, red, blue, orange white and gold. The fire-fighters observed the phenomenon for almost an hour before it disappeared from view. (SOURCE - AUDREY CHAN, ALLNEWSWEB.COM).

WOKEN BY ALIENS: Nestor and Sara Rivoira were asleep in their home Arroyo Leyes, Santa Fe, Argentina, when they were awakened by a loud noise which lasted for nearly ten minutes. The noise sounded like that made by a flame-thrower. They tried to get out of bed but something was keeping them from doing so. When they went into their garden the next day they were amazed to find 'strange holes' in their garden. They said: 'We thought at first that the marks could've been made by an All Terrain Vehicle, as there are many in the area. But then we dismissed this idea, since they weren't prints, but rather something created with an object that irradiates heat. If you look at them closely, there is no vegetation in the circumference, only dry, dead soil, different to what we can see around.' (SOURCE - [HTTP://WWW.DIARIOUNO.COM.AR](http://WWW.DIARIOUNO.COM.AR)).



Over New Jersey

George J. Stock took five photographs of a UFO which hovered over his home at Passaic, New Jersey, on 29 July 1952. There had been numerous sightings in the area, and Stock spotted one travelling silently and at a leisurely speed over his property. It stopped and hovered overhead for a few moments, about 200 feet above the ground. It was about 30 feet in diameter and greyish in colour, with a large dome jutting from its centre.

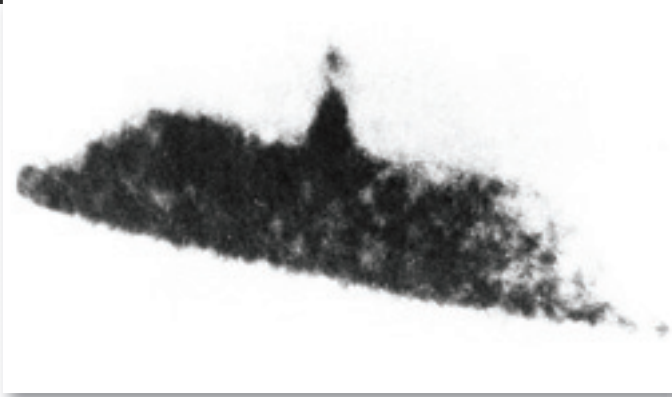




The McMinnville disc

Two classic photographs of a UFO over McMinnville, Oregon, have stood the test of time. They were taken on 11 May 1950 by Paul Trent from his farmyard, but one factor in favour of the Trents not being involved in a hoax is that they then waited several weeks before getting the film developed, and also showed the photographs only to family members. It was a friend who suggested they take them to their banker, and he alerted the local newspaper.

Since then the pictures have been subjected to thorough examination by various experts, and although some people have claimed they must be hoaxed, this may be nothing more than a natural reaction when a researcher who does not believe in the possibility of extraterrestrial craft is faced with a truly inexplicable photograph. William K. Hartmann stated in the Condon Report that 'all factors investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses.'



SKY BEAST: A motorist was driving along Birfield Road, Southcote in Reading, Berkshire, on February 15 at 7pm when he and his mother 'saw a strange object in the sky'. It was moving fast in circular movements. The witness explained: 'It kind of looked like a jellyfish as it had a weird see-through film around it and hovered in the sky like one. It was lower than an aircraft and moved completely different to one and was also slower. It looked like a fireball, kind of egg-shaped but was very strange orangey, red and yellowy in colour.' (MUFON, FEB 16).

MULTIPLE WITNESSES: A bus driver reported a possible UFO at Stockton-on-Tees. Apparently, at about 10pm, eight orange ball shaped lights followed by a solitary one passed silently over Stockton High Street. About five drivers saw this, and they were adamant that it wasn't a known aircraft. (SOURCE - CHRIS HALL BCIB: FEB 2009).

MESMERISING: On March 3, three V-shaped UFOs were spotted over Bucks county in Pennsylvania, (see UFO Hotspots, starting on page 34).

The UFOs were described as being silent 'with a plethora of mesmerizing white and blue/green lights'. One witness reports: 'I saw the lights from outside my home, they at first looked like two very bright headlights. The objects then flew over my home. The UFO was grey. (SOURCE - THE EXAMINER, MARCH 6).

FIREBALL: US strategic command reported that a shower of fireballs over Texas was not debris from the recent satellite collision which occurred over Siberia. Williamson

County officials received reports from residents of orange fireballs streaking across the skies. A journalist, Eddie Garcia, from News 8 Austin caught an image of the fireballs on camera. He said: 'At the time, I'm looking in the viewfinder, and I see something flying through the sky. It looks like it could be dust, it could be something. I look up, and no, it was something burning in the sky.' (SOURCE - NEWS 8 AUSTIN: 16TH FEBRUARY 2009).

RED ALERT: Red UFOS have been seen several times over New Jersey.



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